

BLAXTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 APRIL 2018 IN BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

PRESENT: Councillors N McCarron (Chair), R Johnson, P Schofield and R Dennis from item 7

IN ATTENDANCE: P A Dennis (Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – 1

1) **APOLOGIES – All present**

2) **TO CONSIDER THE EXTENT, IF ANY, TO WHICH THE PUBLIC ARE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING – None**

3) **DECLARATION OF PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS, OTHER INTERESTS, THE RECEIPT OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

- Parish Councillor N McCarron declared an interest as a resident of Park Lane in respect of emergency vehicle access and trees.

4) **MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2018 – ATTACHED**

RESOLVED (1)

That the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15 March 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

5) **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

a) Park Lane – Fire and Rescue Service access and Trees – Resolution 18 – Report following inspection by Tree and Hedgerows Officer – **Noted**

b) Paving Installation – Seat on Bank End Road and Seat and Paving Installation Summerfields Drive Green Space – Resolution 10

RESOLVED (2)

That it be noted that the installations of the paving slabs and seat on the Summerfield Green space area and the paving slabs in front of the seat on Bank End Road were imminent and, that the Contractor had visited and marked out the required locations on 19 April 2018.

c) General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Implementation – Resolution 11 – **Noted that Clerk enrolled for Course on 10 May 2018, 19:00 – 21:30 in York**

6) **CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS FOR CO-OPTION TO THE PARISH COUNCIL**

At the closing date for the receipt of applications for co-option to the Parish Council one application had been received.

RESOLVED (3)

That Robert Dennis be co-opted to the Parish Council with immediate effect.

Robert Dennis signed the Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

7) DMBC AND EAST AREA COMMUNITIES TEAM ISSUES

- a) Agenda Public Rights of Way Forum (PROW) 29 March 2018 – **Noted**
- b) Cameras on Masts at Blaxton Roundabout – Resolution 20

RESOLVED (4)

That it be noted that no further information had been received other than that the camera masts had been installed by i-Transport, a contractor currently acting in connection with the planned expansion of the Yorkshire Wildlife Park.

- c) Resident Complaint about Traffic Dangers on Mosham Road, Blaxton

RESOLVED (5)

That it be noted with disappointment that DMBC did not consider that any traffic speed management was necessary on Mosham Road.

RESOLVED (6)

That it be noted that the Police planned to undertake traffic speed monitoring in Blaxton.

8) POLICING ISSUES

- a) Invitation to introductory meeting with the District Commander – Chief Superintendent Shaun Morley – 11 July 2018 at 11:00 – **Chair to check and notify availability to Clerk**
- b) South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner Newsletter March 2018 – **Noted**

9) DONCASTER SHEFFIELD AIRPORT

- a) Airport Masterplan 2018 to 2037 – **Noted**
- b) Airport Masterplan – Public Consultation

RESOLVED (7)

That the report from Councillor Johnson circulated by email following the initial consultation meeting be noted.

- c) Training Flights – Ryanair Mon – Fri 0900 – 1400 from 9 April to 8 June 2018 except Bank Holidays in May and 25/26 April 2018 which easyJet has booked – **Noted**

10) WARD MEMBERS REPORT

- a) Response to request to Ward Members for support from Section 106 Funds to improve Drainage on Blaxton Playing Field

The Clerk reported that he had not yet succeeded in making contact with the Clerk to Tickhill Town Council to discuss how a similar project was achieved. It was recalled that a major difficulty in Blaxton was the collection of evidence of need from residents which

was required to support grant applications. A recent promotional leaflet from Wicksteed which offered site survey, consultation and the production of project plans was discussed.

RESOLVED (8)

That the reports be noted and that the Clerk be requested to make contact with Wicksteed and to discuss drainage issues with DMBC and groundworks contractors.

b) Ward Member attendance at Parish Council Meetings

Members commented on the absence of Ward Members from recent meetings.

RESOLVED (9)

That, although it was recognised that Ward Members had many commitments, their attendance at Parish Council meetings was most welcome and valued, providing an opportunity for them to hear about Parish issues and, for them to explain about initiatives by the Borough Council which would affect residents.

11) ACCOUNTS & FINANCIAL MATTERS

a) Payments for authorisation 19 April 2018

RESOLVED (10)

That the following payments be authorised:-

<u>Payee/Invoice No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Net</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Blaxton Village Hall Committee	Grant 2018/19	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00
YLCA	Subscription 2018/19	407.00	0.00	407.00
DMBC 23819596	Dog Waste Bin 25/12/17 - 18/03/18 – 3 bins @ £5.42 each for 12 weeks	195.12	39.02	234.14
DMBC 23925479	Dog Waste Bin 19/03/18 - 01/04/18 – 3 bins @ £5.42 each for 2 weeks	32.52	6.50	39.02
Viking – 83268	HP364XL Inks - Cyan, Yellow and Magenta	38.97	7.79	46.76
Viking – 86976	HP364XL- 3 Black Inks	38.97	7.79	46.76
N McCarron	Chair's Allowance 2017/18	120.00	0.00	120.00
P A Dennis	Salary April 2018	367.50	0.00	367.50
P A Dennis	Office, Telephone, Broadband Allowance April 2018	23.60	0.00	23.60
P A Dennis 203013556756	Reimbursement for 1&1 Website Hosting costs 08/04/18 - 08/05/18	19.99	4.00	23.99
HMRC	Month 1 Contributions	93.20	0.00	93.20
N McCarron	4 Copies Village Hall Deeds	4.97	0.99	5.96
			Total	3,007.93

b) Bank Reconciliation March 2018

RESOLVED (11)

That the bank reconciliation to 29 March 2018 be agreed to the March 2018 Bank Statement subject to the addition of £1.09 interest to 5 March 2018 to the Business Saver Account, bringing the balance to £2,191.67 on the Bank Reconciliation.

c) Balances against the Budget to 31 March 2018 – **Noted**

d) The Practitioners' Guide for 2018/19 and Schedule of Amendments – **Noted**

12) PLANNING

a) Springs Road Community Liaison Group

- Noise Monitoring Report – **Noted**
- Minutes 29 March 2018 – **Noted**

b) Bank End Quarry Premix operation – Enforcement investigating – **Noted**

c) Summerfields Estate Green Space – **No Issues**

13) CHAIR'S REPORT

a) Resignation of Parish Councillor

The Chair reported that Councillor L Hornsby had reluctantly found it necessary to resign from the Parish Council due to on-going health issues.

Members paid tribute to Councillor Hornsby's contributions to the work of the Parish Council over more than 13 years and for his membership of the Joint Playing Field Association and the Village Hall Committee. The Clerk confirmed that a Notice of Casual Vacancy had been posted with a closing date of 30 April 2018. If no Poll was requested a notice would be posted to invite written applications for Co-option to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED (12)

That the Clerk be requested to write to Councillor Hornsby to thank him for his work on the Parish Council.

RESOLVED (13)

That the action taken by the Clerk towards filling the vacant place on the Parish Council be noted.

b) Shrub and Hedge Maintenance on Park Lane following Fire Engine Access Difficulties

The Chair reported that DMBC Enforcement Officers had visited her following a complaint about work being done on hedges and shrubs along part of Park Lane. She explained that the work was being undertaken to remove and replace poor quality growth and improve large vehicle access along the Lane and, that Officers were satisfied with the work being undertaken.

RESOLVED (14)

That the report be noted.

c) War Memorial Resurfacing

The Chair recalled that Councillor Hornsby had been managing the process of seeking quotations for resurfacing the War Memorial before his resignation.

RESOLVED (15)

That the Clerk be requested to continue the process of seeking quotations for resurfacing the War Memorial.

14) BLAXTON PLAYING FIELD

a) Replacement Fencing and Gates adjacent to Public Footpath – Resolution 21

RESOLVED (16)

That an automatic closing mechanism be added to the order for fencing and gates, approved at the last meeting, at a cost of £538.46, bringing the total cost of the order to £5,653.04 + VAT.

b) Fencing Work adjacent to Bank End Road Dyke – Resolution 13 15/02/18 – **in hand**

15) BLAXTON VILLAGE HALL

- a) Minutes of Meeting held on 13 March 2018 – **Noted**
- b) Annual General Meeting 8 May 2018 at 19:00 – **Noted**
- c) Letter re Access to Village Hall – **Noted**

d) Ownership of Village Hall

During recent discussions about access to the Village Hall it had become apparent that there were conflicting statements in documents relating to the Village Hall. An undated, but clearly old, version of the Constitution of the Village Hall Committee states that the Village Hall Committee has the power to sell the Village Hall. However, the Land Registry entry shows the Parish Council as the owner of the Village Hall.

RESOLVED (17)

That the Clerk be requested to raise the discrepancies between the Village Hall Constitution and the Land Registry entry with regard to ownership of the Village Hall with the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee.

16) JOINT PLAYING FIELD

a) Joint Playing Field Minutes 21 February 2018 and 9 April 2018 – **Noted**

b) Football Match Car Parking

Councillor Johnson reported that car parking when football matches were being played continued to cause inconvenience to residents near the Playing Field. Efforts to resolve the difficulties were continuing.

RESOLVED (18)

That the report be noted.

c) Letter of Thanks for Grant 2017/18

RESOLVED (19)

That the letter of appreciation received from the Treasurer of the Joint Playing Field Association be received and noted.

17) CORRESPONDENCE

a) Blaxton War Memorial Awarded Grade II Listing

It was reported that, following a submission by Historic England, the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport had decided to add Blaxton War Memorial to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. It had been described as an eloquent witness to the tragic impact of world events on the local community, and the sacrifice it made in the conflicts of the 20th Century. Architecturally it is also regarded as a 'well-executed obelisk memorial'.

RESOLVED (20)

That the Award of Grade II Listing for the War memorial be received with pleasure and that details of the Listing be published on the Council's Website and Notice Board.

b) YLCA South Yorkshire Branch Nominations 2018/19

RESOLVED (21)

That Mr David Liddell and Mr Duncan Wright be nominated respectively for the positions of Chair and Vice-Chair of the South Yorkshire Branch of the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations.

c) NALC Chief Executive Bulletin 12 – 23 March 2018 – **Noted**

d) Community Matters Yorkshire Voluntary Sector Update April 18 – **Noted**

18) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED (22)

That it be noted that the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council would take place in Blaxton Village Hall on Thursday 17 May 2018 at **19:35**.

Meeting closed at 21:28

Chair: _____

Date: _____